

SEC. 648. (a) From funds made available by this or any other Act, the Secretary of the Treasury may provide for the administrative costs for the issuance of bonds, to be known as "Unity Bonds", under section 3102 of title 31, United States Code, in response to the acts of terrorism perpetrated against the United States on September 11, 2001.

(b) If bonds described in subsection (a) are issued, such bonds shall be in such form and denominations, and shall be subject to such terms and conditions of issue, conversion, redemption, maturation, payment, and rate of interest as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe.

SEC. 649. (a) State, regional, or local transportation authorities that are recipients of Federal Transit Administration assistance or grants may purchase heavy-duty transit buses through the General Service Administration.

(b) The Administrator of General Services shall notify the appropriate congressional committees if the administrative costs incurred by the General Service Administration in implementing this section are in excess of fees provided to the General Service Administration under provisions of existing contracts for the purchase of heavy-duty transit buses.

TITLE VII—THE 9/11 HEROES STAMP ACT OF 2001

SEC. 701. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the "9/11 Heroes Stamp Act of 2001".

SEC. 702. REQUIREMENT THAT A SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE POSTAGE STAMP BE DESIGNED AND ISSUED.

(a) IN GENERAL.—In order to afford the public a direct and tangible way to provide assistance to the families of emergency relief personnel killed or permanently disabled in the line of duty in connection with the terrorist attacks against the United States on September 11, 2001, the United States Postal Service shall issue a semipostal in accordance with subsection (b).

(b) REQUIREMENTS.—The provisions of section 416 of title 39, United States Code, shall apply as practicable with respect to the semipostal described in subsection (a), subject to the following:

(1) RATE OF POSTAGE.—Section 414(b) of title 39, United States Code, is amended—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking "of not to exceed 25 percent" and inserting "of not less than 15 percent"; and

(B) by adding after the sentence following paragraph (3) the following: "The special rate of postage of an individual stamp under this section shall be an amount that is evenly divisible by 5.".

(2) DISPOSITION OF AMOUNTS BECOMING AVAILABLE.—All amounts becoming available from the sale of the semipostal (as determined under such section) shall be transferred to the Federal Emergency Management Agency under such arrangements as the Postal Service shall by mutual agreement with such agency establish in order to carry out the purposes of this Act.

(3) COMMENCEMENT AND TERMINATION DATES.—Stamps under this section shall be issued—

(A) beginning on the earliest date practicable; and

(B) for such period of time as the Postal Service considers necessary and appropriate, but in no event less than 2 years.

(c) LIMITATION.—For purposes of section 416 of title 39, United States Code (including any regulation prescribed under subsection (e)(1)(C) of that section), the special postage stamp issued under this section shall not apply to any limitation relating to whether more than one semipostal may be offered for sale at the same time.

(d) DESIGN.—It is the sense of the Congress that the semipostal issued under this section should depict, by such design as the Postal Service considers to be most appropriate, the efforts of emergency relief personnel at the site of

the World Trade Center in New York City and the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia.

SEC. 703. DEFINITIONS.

For purposes of this Act—

(1) the term "emergency relief personnel" means firefighters, law enforcement officers, paramedics, emergency medical technicians, members of the clergy, and other individuals (including employees of legally organized and recognized volunteer organizations, whether compensated or not) who, in the course of professional duties, respond to fire, medical, hazardous material, or other similar emergencies; and

(2) the term "semipostal" has the meaning given such term by section 416 of title 39, United States Code.

This Act may be cited as the "Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act, 2002".

ORDER FOR SENATE TO RECEIVE HOUSE COMPANION BILL TO S. 1450

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that it be in order for the Senate to receive the House companion to S. 1450, the airlines stabilization bill, notwithstanding the adjournment of the Senate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider Calendar Nos. 362, 384, 387, 388, and 389; that the nominations be confirmed; that the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table; that any statements thereon be printed in the RECORD; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate return to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Deborah J. Daniels, of Indiana, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Ellen G. Engleman, of Indiana, to be Administrator of the Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation.

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

Marion Blakey, of Mississippi, to be Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term of two years.

Marion Blakey, of Mississippi, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term expiring December 31, 2005.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Read Van de Water, of North Carolina, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now return to legislative session.

DEFENSE PRODUCTION ACT AMENDMENTS OF 2001

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Banking Committee be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2510 and the Senate proceed to its consideration.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 2510) to extend the expiration date of the Defense Production Act of 1950, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

AMENDMENT NO. 1615

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I understand that Senator SARBANES and Senator GRAMM have an amendment at the desk, and I ask unanimous consent that the amendment be considered; that the amendment be agreed to; and that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment (No. 1615) was agreed to, as follows:

(Purpose: To provide for a one-year extension)

On page 2, strike lines 9 through 14 and insert the following: "2002".

"SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

"Section 711(b) of the Defense Production Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C. App. 2161(b)) is amended by striking '2001' and inserting '2002'."

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill, as amended, be read the third time, passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD, with no intervening action.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, the several requests will be agreed to.

The bill (H.R. 2510), as amended, was read the third time and passed.

DEPARTMENTS OF COMMERCE, JUSTICE, AND STATE, THE JUDICIARY, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2002

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask that the Chair lay before the Senate a message from the House with respect to H.R. 2500, the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies appropriations bill.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate the message from the House of Representatives, as follows:

Resolved, That the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2500) entitled "An Act making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes", in the opinion of this House, contravenes the first clause of the seventh section of the first article of the Constitution of the United States and is an infringement of the privileges of this House and that such bill be respectfully returned to the Senate with a message communicating this resolution.